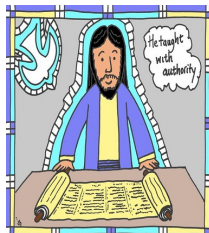


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"You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore."

— William Faulkner



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B — 28th January 2024

### Mass Intentions

#### Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Padraig Quinn, Kilnashee  
Sun 11.00: Misa Pro Populo  
Thur 10.00: Feast of St. Brigid  
Fri 8.00: Feast of the Presentation  
Sun 11.00: Philomena Forde, MM, Cloonaugh Lr.

#### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Packie Bohan  
Fri 7.00: Feast of the Presentation and Blessing candles  
Sun 9.30: Martin Collum

**Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.**

### Ministries for Next Week

#### Drumlish

Word of God	Sat	Conor Brennan & Conf Cl
	Sun	Annette Kane & Conf Cl
Communion	Sat	Kathleen Gill
	Sun	Derek McKeon

#### Ballinamuck

Word of God	Sun	Catherine Carthy & Conf Cl
Communion	Sun	Mary McKenna



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**Account Name: Drumlish Church**  
**BIC: AIBKIE2D;**  
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The Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund collection will take place as a second collection on the weekend of February 10th and 11th.

Copies of the **Irish Catholic** are available weekly inside the front door of St. Mary's Church Drumlish. Cost €3. You can pay using the candle shrines.



- ♦ **St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises for Men**, led by Fr. Stephen Kennedy Friday 2nd to 5th February in De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Laois. Cost €200 which includes all means and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 2152307.
- ♦ **Calling Pioneers and Friends** to the 25th Pioneer National Ball on Saturday 6th April beginning with Mass at 6 pm. in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by guest speaker, dinner and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel. For details contact 0857201646 or 0876544626.
- ♦ **Social Dancing & Community Gathering:** 1st Social Dancing event in the '98 Hall, Ballinamuck (N39 Y7C1) this evening Sunday the 28th from 5 pm - 7 pm. Doors opening at 4.45pm. Music by The Ramblers. €5 admission charge, light refreshments served & free raffle! A great opportunity for a dance, a cuppa, and a catch-up with friends old and new – looking forward to welcoming everyone! For more info contact Aisling 086 3663901
- ♦ **St. Helen's LGFA church gate** collection on this weekend. Support appreciated.
- ♦ **Forged Gates: Drumlish Tidy Towns** are looking for old style farm GATES Dimensions 10 ft /300cms wide - Can be 2 gates of 5ft /150cms wide by 4ft /120cms or less High. Please contact any member of the committee.
- ♦ **AGM of Drumlish Tidy Towns** takes place Monday 19th February at Drumlish Library at 8pm. All welcome!
- ♦ **AGM of the Drumlish Ballinamuck Area Development** clg is scheduled for Wednesday 21st February 2024 at Drumlish Library at 8.30pm.
- ♦ **History of the Pubs in Drumlish Talk** - covering 300 years will be given by Eddie Bohan, Historian (ex Drumshanbo Sth.,) in Drumlish Library on Wednesday 14th February. Save the Date.
- ♦ **First Friday** calls will take place this Thursday and Friday at the usual times.

- ♦ **Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will be attending St. Brigid's Community Centre, Loch Gowna on Tuesday/Wednesday 6th/7th February from 3.50 pm to 8 p.m. Its important that we all remember that many patients in hospitals need our blood and this need never ceases. Your blood can save a life.

### Church Celebrations this Week



Thursday is the **Feast of St. Brigid**, secondary Patron of Ireland. Mass in Drumlish at 10 a.m and blessing of St. Brigid's Crosses



Friday is the **Feast of the Presentation** of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at 7 p.m. Mass in Ballinamuck and at the 8 p.m. Mass in Drumlish.



Saturday is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. Throats will be blessed after 8 p.m. Mass in Drumlish and at both Masses on Sunday.

### Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Geoffrey Smith, Kiltycreevagh and for John McKeon, late of Cloonaugh who died in N.Y. Their funerals took place during the week. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

### Some thoughts on today's scripture

Jesus took time on the sabbath to go to the synagogue to teach. He made an impression on those present. He was showing his power to heal and save through his actions as well as giving spiritual nourishment to his hearers through his words. It was an unclean spirit who recognised Jesus for who he was, calling him the Holy One of God. The power of Jesus was greater and he cast the spirit out. Lord, give us the wisdom to rely on you in the challenges that we face in life, especially when they seem too strong to deal with. [Extract: Irish Jesuits Sacred space]

### St. Brigid



Brigid is one of Ireland's earliest recorded saints, and along with St. Patrick, one of our most famous. It is thought she was born sometime between 452 and 456 AD in Faughart, a few miles from Dundalk in Co. Louth. Brigid's father was a wealthy chieftain named Dubtach.

Legend has it that she caused him great annoyance with her generosity, giving away his valuable goods to the poor and needy. It is thought by some that Brigid's mother, Brocseach, was a slave in Dubtach's household. Eventually, Dubtach became so frustrated with his daughter's behaviour that he decided to try to remove her from his household. He approached the King of Leinster and offered to sell Brigid to him. However, while Dubtach was negotiating the deal with the King, Brigid, who was waiting outside, managed to give away her father's valuable sword to a beggar.

### Saint Brigid Hearth Keeper Prayer

[Courtesy of SaintBrigids.org]

Brigid of the Mantle, encompass us,  
Lady of the Lambs, protect us,  
Keeper of the Hearth, kindle us.  
Beneath your mantle, gather us,  
And restore us to memory.  
Mothers of our mother,  
Foremothers strong,  
Guide our hands in yours.  
Remind us how to kindle the hearth,  
To keep it bright, to preserve the flame.  
Your hands upon ours,  
Our hands within yours,  
To kindle the light,  
Both day and night.  
The Mantle of Brigid about us,  
The Memory of Brigid within us,  
The Protection of Brigid keeping us  
From harm, from ignorance, from  
heartlessness,  
This day and night,  
From dawn till dark,  
From dark till dawn.